

SENATE BILL 3033

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 39, relative to sexual offenders on school
property.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 39, Part 2, is amended by
adding the following section:

§ 40-39-213.

(a) While mandated to comply with the requirements of this chapter, no sexual offender, as defined in § 40-39-202, or violent sexual offender, as defined in § 40-39-202, shall knowingly be present when minors are present in any school building or real property on which school events or activities take place, or in any conveyance owned, leased or contracted by a school to transport students to or from school or a school related activity, unless the sexual offender is the parent or guardian of a student present in the building, on the grounds or in the conveyance and the sexual offender is present for any reason related to the custody of or responsibility of the student, including but not limited to, dropping off or retrieving the student from school, attending a scheduled meeting with a school official or attending a school activity.

(b) For purposes of this section, "school" means any public, private or parochial preschool, kindergarten, elementary school, secondary school or any other institution which has as its primary purpose the education or instruction of children under eighteen (18) years of age.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class E felony.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.